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Surry hospitals compete for MRI Scanner

RALEIGH – Two hospitals have filed competing applications with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to acquire a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner in Surry County.

A public hearing for these projects will be held at 10 a.m. on July 18 in A-121 Teaching Auditorium, Surry Community College, 630 South Main St., Dobson.

The 2008 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) identifies the need for one additional MRI scanner in Surry County. A summary of the proposals follows:

- Northern Hospital of Surry County in Mt. Airy proposes to acquire a second MRI scanner. The \$2.4-million project includes the renovation of space in the hospital for the new scanner.
- Hugh Chatham Outpatient Imaging Center, a subsidiary of the Hugh Chatham Hospital, proposes to acquire a \$1.65-million MRI scanner and locate it in a medical office building on the hospital campus in Elkin.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than July 1 at the following address:

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